

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel original claims 1-8, and add new claims 9-17 as follows:

Claims 1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle, comprising

a radiation source for illumination of the vehicle environment with infrared radiation,

an infrared sensitive camera for detecting at least a part of the illuminated vehicle environment,

an IR-filter associated with a camera, and

a display for representing the image information acquired by the camera,

wherein different areas of the IR-filter area exhibit different transmission characteristics, and wherein at least one area of the IR-filter is almost transparent for visible light or a part thereof.

10. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the IR-filter exhibits at least one area with a degree of transmission of approximately  $10^{-3}$  or greater for visible light or parts thereof.

11. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area is located at the edge area of the IR-filter.
12. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area is provided in the central area of the IR-filter.
13. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein the at least one area of the IR-filter comprises less than 25% of the surface of the IR-filter.
14. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area of the IR-filter is in the shape of a circle, a star, a quadrilateral, a circle segment, a section of a circle or a ring.
15. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 10, wherein said at least one area of the IR-filter is formed by one of: a hole in the IR-filter, a clear area in the coating of the IR-filter, and an open area in the coating of the IR-filter.
16. (new) A device for improving the view in a motor vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the IR-filter exhibits at

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least a second area with a degree of transmissivity of approximately  $10^{-5}$  or less for visible light.

17. (new) A device as in Claim 9, wherein said IR-filter is transmissive for infrared radiation emitted by said radiation source.